

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5536

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAM SHOP ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 30-102 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 3 If any person, by such person or such person's agent, sells any alcoholic liquor to an intoxicated person, and such purchaser, in 4 5 consequence of such intoxication, thereafter injures the person or 6 property of another, such seller shall pay just damages to the person 7 injured, up to the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or to 8 persons injured in consequence of such intoxication up to an aggregate 9 amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, to be recovered in an 10 action under this section, provided the aggrieved person or persons 11 shall give written notice to such seller of such person's or persons' 12 intention to bring an action under this section. Such notice shall be 13 given (1) within one hundred twenty days of the occurrence of such 14 injury to person or property, or (2) in the case of the death or 15 incapacity of any aggrieved person, within one hundred eighty days of 16 the occurrence of such injury to person or property. Such notice shall

17 specify the time, the date and the person to whom such sale was made, 18 the name and address of the person injured or whose property was 19 damaged, and the time, date and place where the injury to person or 20 property occurred. No action under the provisions of this section shall 21 be brought but within one year from the date of the act or omission 22 complained of. Such injured person shall have no cause of action 23 against such seller for negligence in the sale of alcoholic liquor to a 24 person twenty-one years of age or older. For the purposes of this 25 section, "sells" means to purvey or furnish directly to a person.

This act sha sections:	all take effect as follows	and shall amend the following
Section 1	October 1, 2010	30-102

Statement of Purpose:

To limit dram shop liability to situations where the seller purveys or furnishes alcoholic liquor directly to an intoxicated person.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]